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**TITLE 345 INDIANA STATE BOARD OF
ANIMAL HEALTH**

Proposed Rule
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DIGEST

Amends 345 IAC 1-5 to allow dogs and cats to be vaccinated for rabies every three years under certain circumstances. The rule amends requirements for rabies vaccination of dogs, cats, and ferrets. Makes other changes in the law of rabies control. Effective 30 days after filing with the secretary of state.

345 IAC 1-5-1

345 IAC 1-5-2

345 IAC 1-5-3

SECTION 1. 345 IAC 1-5-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

345 IAC 1-5-1 Rabies vaccination

Authority: IC 15-2.1-3-19

Affected: IC 15-2.1-3-13; IC 15-2.1-6

Sec. 1. **(a)** For the purpose of administering the rabies control law, ~~an animal~~ **IC 15-2.1-6 and this rule, an animal** is deemed to be **vaccinated** for rabies ~~immunized~~ only when the following provisions are met:

(1) The animal ~~must be~~ **is** vaccinated by a **veterinarian that is:**

(A) licensed **to practice veterinary medicine in Indiana;** and

(B) accredited ~~veterinarian~~ **by the United States Department of Agriculture under 9 CFR, Subchapter J.**

(2) The vaccine used must be licensed and approved by the United States Department of Agriculture. The dosage and administration of ~~either a modified live virus or inactivated~~ **the vaccine used** must be in accordance with this rule and the manufacturers' ~~recommendations~~ **specifications described on the vaccine's label and package insert.**

~~(2)~~ **(b)** The ~~licensed and accredited~~ veterinarian performing ~~such a rabies~~ **rabies** vaccination **of an animal** shall do the following:

~~(A)~~ **(A)** ~~Furnish an antirabies vaccination identification tag with the veterinarian's or clinic's name and telephone number to the owner or custodian of the animal.~~

~~(B)~~ **(1)** Complete a vaccination certificate or computerized record, in triplicate, on ~~the each~~ **each** animal being vaccinated for rabies **that shall include the following information:**

(A) The name and address of the animal's owner.

(B) The species, sex, and age of the animal vaccinated.

(C) The date the animal was vaccinated.

(D) The product name and lot number of the vaccine used.

(E) The date the animal must be revaccinated under section 2 of this rule.

(F) The number of the tag issued if a tag is issued under subdivision (3).

(G) The name of the veterinarian completing the vaccination and his or her Indiana veterinary license number.

(2) The rabies vaccination certificate completed under subdivision (1) shall be distributed as follows:

(i) **(A)** One (1) copy of the certificate or computerized record shall be given to the owner or custodian of the animal being vaccinated for rabies.

(ii) **(B)** One (1) copy of the certificate or computerized record shall be forwarded to the county health officer or the

officer's designated agent upon **the county health officer's** request, or as ~~otherwise directed by~~ the state veterinarian **otherwise directs**, within thirty (30) days of the vaccination.

~~(iii)~~ **(C)** One (1) copy of the certificate or computerized record shall be retained by the veterinarian vaccinating such animal covering the period of immunization.

(3) A veterinarian that vaccinates a dog, cat, or ferret shall furnish to the owner or custodian of the animal a rabies vaccination identification tag that contains the following:

(A) The veterinarian's or clinic's name and telephone number.

(B) A unique identification number.

(c) The owner or custodian of an animal vaccinated for rabies shall keep a copy of the certificate and tag required to be issued under subsection (b) until such time as the animal must be revaccinated under section 2 of this rule. The board recommends that the animal owner or custodian shall of a dog affix such the rabies vaccination tag to the collar or harness of each animal, where it shall the dog and that it be worn at all times. Nothing in this rule shall prevent a local unit of government from requiring that rabies vaccination tags be worn at all times.

~~Immunized~~ **(d) Animals that have been vaccinated for rabies** are subject to all quarantine provisions ~~which that~~ may be imposed by state or local regulations. The final determination of an animal's rabies **vaccination** status shall be made by the state veterinarian. (*Indiana State Board of Animal Health; Reg 57-2, Title 1; filed Jun 4, 1958, 3:30 p.m.: Rules and Regs. 1959, p. 284; filed Jan 20, 1988, 4:05 p.m.: 11 IR 1740; filed Oct 23, 1989, 5:00 p.m.: 13 IR 383; filed Jun 14, 1995, 3:30 p.m.: 18 IR 2759*) *NOTE: Originally adopted by the Indiana State Livestock Sanitary Board. Name changed by Acts 1969, Ch. 81, Sec. 1.*

SECTION 2. 345 IAC 1-5-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

345 IAC 1-5-2 Required rabies vaccination of dogs, cats, and ferrets

Authority: IC 15-2.1-3-19

Affected: IC 15-2.1-3-13; IC 15-2.1-6

Sec. 2. All dogs, cats, and ferrets three (3) months of age and older must be vaccinated ~~annually~~ against rabies. ~~with~~ **The rabies vaccination of a licensed and approved vaccine administered by a licensed, accredited veterinarian: dog, cat, and ferret shall be maintained by ongoing revaccination of the animal as follows:**

(1) Ferrets shall be revaccinated within twelve (12) months of the prior vaccination.

(2) Dogs and cats that are vaccinated with a rabies vaccine whose label recommends annual boosters shall be revaccinated within twelve (12) months of the prior vaccination.

(3) Dogs and cats that are vaccinated with a rabies vaccine whose label recommends a booster one year later and triennially thereafter, shall be revaccinated within twelve (12) months of the first vaccination, and shall be revaccinated within thirty-six (36) months of each vaccination thereafter.

The owner of the animal is responsible for procuring the vaccinations required by this section. (*Indiana State Board of Animal Health; 345 IAC 1-5-2; filed Jun 14, 1995, 3:30 p.m.: 18 IR 2760; filed Jun 17, 1998, 9:03 a.m.: 21 IR 4204*)

SECTION 3. 345 IAC 1-5-3 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

345 IAC 1-5-3 Animal rabies control program

Authority: IC 15-2.1-3-19

Affected: IC 15-2.1-3-13; IC 15-2.1-6

Sec. 3. (a) A statewide animal rabies control program is established. The state veterinarian shall implement the rabies control program.

(b) The Compendium of Animal Rabies Control, ~~1999~~, **2001**, National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians, Inc., is hereby incorporated by reference as a rule of the Indiana state board of animal health and shall be used in the implementation of the program established under subsection (a), provided, however, the following shall apply:

- (1) References to preexposure or postexposure treatment of humans are recommendations from the National Association of State Public Health Veterinarians and are not requirements of the Indiana state board of animal health.
- (2) Part III(B)(2) concerning stray dogs, cats, and ferrets is a recommendation but not a requirement of the Indiana state board of animal health.
- (3) Part III(B)(4) is not incorporated.
- (4) Part III(C) is not a requirement of the Indiana state board of animal health.

(c) Where the matters incorporated by reference in this section conflict with the provisions of IC 15-2.1-6 and this rule, the express provisions of **the** statute and this rule shall control. (*Indiana State Board of Animal Health; 345 IAC 1-5-3; filed Jun 14, 1995, 3:30 p.m.: 18 IR 2760; filed Dec 10, 1997, 11:00 a.m.: 21 IR 1327; filed Jun 17, 1998, 9:03 a.m.: 21 IR 4205; filed Mar 23, 2000, 4:24 p.m.: 23 IR 1913*)

Notice of Public Hearing

Under IC 4-22-2-24, notice is hereby given that on July 25, 2001 at 10:00 a.m., at the Indiana State Board of Animal Health, 805 Beachway Drive, Suite 50, Indianapolis, Indiana the Indiana State Board of Animal Health will hold a public hearing on proposed amendments to rules concerning rabies vaccination of dogs, cats, and ferrets. Copies of these rules are now on file at the Indiana State Board of Animal Health, 805 Beachway Drive, Suite 50 and Legislative Services Agency, One North Capitol, Suite 325, Indianapolis, Indiana and are open for public inspection.

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